

HOW MANY VOTES FOR NOMINEES?

Make a Guess and Get a Times Prize.

ALL HAVE AN EQUAL CHANCE

Winner of First Prize Gets \$1,050 If He Records Correct Estimate. in July.

The question of the hour, now that both parties have completed their nominations, is how many votes will be cast for the Republican and Democratic tickets in November next?

The special interest attached to the solution of this proposition is the result of The Times' offer to award a number of valuable cash prizes to those of its readers who can forecast most closely the combined vote of the Democratic and Republican electors will receive. The chief of these prizes is a thousand dollars in gold.

As an inducement to submit estimates early in the campaign a bonus is offered to the winner of the first prize for each month excepting the last. This month of July the bonus is \$50. If, therefore, the best estimate should be received this month, the winner will get it, all \$1,050.

Votes in the Past.

For a basis to work on, The Times presents in the regular advertisement of the contest a table showing the exact number of votes cast for candidates of the two leading parties at the last six national elections. These statistics will be found interesting for the reason the vote of each party is given, in addition to the combined vote. In a campaign which promises to be as exciting as the present, the figures will be valuable to those who desire to keep in touch with past results. They have been accurately compiled, and will be found to be absolutely correct.

A Fair Contest.

In taking this means to advertise and center interest upon itself, The Times believes it has presented the fairest kind of a proposition to its readers and those who desire to become readers. The amount required of contestants to enter the competition is returned in papers, so that it is practically a free contest—a competition which no one who cares enough about The Times to read it regularly for a few months can afford to keep out of unless he cannot use the money offered in prizes. If he can use it, the chance of his winning is equally as good as the chance of anybody else. If contestants find it difficult to write their figures on the blanks in the newspaper, The Times will supply them with blanks printed on book paper, which, it will be found, will take the ink more readily.

MASTER PLUMBERS ELECT DELEGATES TO CONVENTION

At a recent meeting of the Master Plumbers' Association the following members were elected delegates and alternates to attend the twenty-second annual convention of the National Association of Master Plumbers to be held in St. Louis, September 6, 7, and 8: Delegates—Joseph R. Quinter, D. J. Murphy, W. D. Nolan, William Conradi, C. E. Barrick, William Koch, L. J. Morgan. Alternates—J. C. Darnall, T. O. May, G. W. Haines, W. J. Mooney, P. F. Hannan, Samuel Aitz, John O'Connor.

STILL AMONG MISSING.

Ida Pratt, the young woman who disappeared from her home, 127 Kenesaw Avenue northwest, on last Wednesday, is still missing, and the police who have been looking for her for several days have no clue as to her whereabouts.

\$1 to Harper's Ferry, Charleston and Winchester and return, leaving B. & O. R. R. Station 8:30 a. m., Sunday, July 17. Splendid opportunity for country outing.

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Music Boxes

All the music boxes we have—worth up to \$125—to be sacrificed at less than cost.

Sanders & Stayman Co.
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THEY'RE OFF!

The greatest of all great bargains at our Rebuilding Sale. Come.

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SCREEN 12c
Metal-center Window Screen—well made and a great value at
SCREEN DOORS COMPLETE, 66c.
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Justices of the Peace a Losing Institution

Fees So Low the Offices Do Not Pay Expenses. District Auditor Preparing Statement as Basis for Increase.

The surprising discovery was made in the District Auditor's office today that the ten justices of the peace in the District cost the local government more than is brought into the Treasury by the fees turned in by the justices.

According to the figures on file it is also evident that this state of affairs has gone on for some time. For the fiscal year ended June 30 past, the salaries of the ten justices amounted to \$20,000, and besides this money \$2,500 was expended in office rent and contingent expenses, the total cost being \$22,500.

Loss of \$287.45.

The fees turned into the treasury by the justices came to \$22,212.55, or \$287.45 less than the justices cost the District. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 1903, the appropriations for the compensation of the justices was \$22,500, while the fees turned in amounted to only \$21,553.45, the loss to the District that year being \$946.55.

The opinion expressed at the District Building today is that other jurisdictions manage to make the fees collected by their justices of the peace equal to the cost of supporting the justices.

STRUCK BY BASEBALL, REMAINS UNCONSCIOUS

Maryland Young Man Will Probably Die as Result of Injury Received While Bride Is Looking On.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., July 11.—Unconscious for thirty-six hours as a result of having been struck on the head by a baseball on Saturday, Hiram Williamson, twenty-three years old, of Providence, Md., lies at the point of death in the University Hospital, while his bride of two weeks waits in anguish beside his cot. The physicians say that he is suffering from a compression of the brain.

Williamson was a pitcher of the Providence baseball team, and was in the box in a game with the Cherry Hill team, at Cherry Hill, Md., on Saturday. While standing at the bat, in the ninth inning, he was struck on the head by a swift ball, and fell to the ground.

Williamson's bride, only sixteen years old, was witnessing the game, and was almost prostrated when she learned of her husband's injury.

PHYSICIAN FEARS HOMICIDAL MANIA

A Doctor of Lowell, Mass., Places Himself Under Medical Care in That City.

LOWELL, Mass., July 11.—Fearing he is about to be seized with uncontrollable homicidal mania, Dr. Eugene Mayrand, one of the young physicians of this city, has placed himself in the case of the doctors of Lowell Hospital for observation. He says he feels an impulse to play and fears he will become insane.

He had an attack a week ago Friday and it lasted only a day. At the hospital last night Dr. Mayrand said that he regarded himself entirely sane, but the impulse to kill was so strong at times he felt it wise to place himself under observation.

HARRIMAN TO TAP ROSEBUD COUNTRY

NORFOLK, Neb., July 11.—High Western railroad officials believe that the Union Pacific will extend into the Rosebud country soon. The opening of the reservation means much traffic from that territory. There is a rumor that the Northwestern will extend to the coast.

The Best Protection for Valuables is afforded by Union Trust & Storage Co.'s safe deposit boxes. Rented for only \$5 year. Main office, 1414 F St.

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This large, white Maple Rocker, double rattan seat and back, handsomely finished and well made. Special—\$1.25

This White Maple Rocker, double rattan seat, slat back, white maple frame, finished and comfortable. Special value; 79c

This large Arm Rocker, double rattan seat and back, white maple frame, well made and finished. Special value; \$1.98

Mayer & Co., 415-417 7th Street

BODY OF ITALIAN 'HID IN MATTRESS

Philadelphia Police Suspect Work of Mafia.

DEAD FOR FIFTEEN HOURS

Note to Contractor and Brass Check May Lead to Identification of Victim.

PHILADELPHIA, July 11.—Hidden in a mattress that had been dumped in the bushes near the Rittenhouse Street Bridge over the Wissahickon Creek, was found yesterday the mutilated body of a foreigner, probably an Italian.

The man's hands were calloused and marked with dark stains, such as might soil the hands of an ironworker or machinist. He was a thin-faced man, about thirty or thirty-two years old, five feet eight inches tall, weighing about 175 pounds, and was well built, with dark hair and a light brown mustache. His clothes were those of a workman.

"See Mr. Way."

In a pocket was a scapular and an old fashioned purse with two compartments. The purse contained a brass pay check, a five-cent piece and a slip of paper, which read: "See Mr. Way at the office on Wednesday morning."

This slip may give a clue to the identity of the man's employer, and the brass check may lead to the identification of the body and the solution of the mystery. The brass check is simply a circular check with a hole punched in it and the number "47" stamped on it.

The police are now trying to locate a railroad contractor named Way, who is said to have recently carried on some extensive work near Chestnut Hill Park.

Victim of Mafia?

While there is a theory that the man was a victim of the Mafia, the detectives believe that the fatal knife thrust was impelled over a feud over a woman, as a result of a quarrel in a Saturday night card game. Vengeance on some person, who had defrauded his employees, is also suggested.

Until the body is identified the police will be practically groping in the dark. The condition of the body caused Dr. Wadsworth to express the opinion that the man had been dead fifteen hours when the body was found.

There were knife wounds in the right breast and in the groin, and Dr. Wadsworth said that death had been caused by a deep cut in the chest.

HELD ON FORGERY CHARGE.

John Hall, a negro, was arraigned in the Police Court today on a charge of forgery. The Government asked for a continuance in order to procure a witness.

\$16—World's Fair—C. & O. Railway.

Coach excursion each Thursday in July, 2:30 p. m. Scenic route. One night out.

Rebuilding

Makes the Greatest Money-Saving Opportunity You Ever Enjoyed.

\$1.00 Bare Foot Sandals—\$1.11. 69c
Mises' and children's patent colt and viet kid sandals and oxfords—\$1.25 kinds—85c

Ladies' patent colt, viet, and tan Blucher cut and Gibson \$1.39
Ties—will go special at \$1.85
Men's Patent Calf and \$1.85
Vic Calf Shoes.

Clothing Department

Men's Sack Suits, latest cut and best making; 12, 14, 16, 18, and 20, former prices \$12.50, and \$12. Rebuilding price, \$6.90
Men's Sack Suits, finest of makes and all colors; former prices \$12, \$20, and \$18. Rebuilding price, \$9.90
Cutaway Suits, sizes 33 to 36 and 42 to 45; blacks and mixtures; former prices \$15 and \$12. Rebuilding price, \$4.50
Suits and Coats and Vests, sizes 33 to 37; most all blacks and blues; former prices \$10 and \$8. Rebuilding price, \$3.00

Men's Trousers

\$1.75 and \$1.50 values, \$1.00
\$3.00 and \$2.50 values, \$1.65
\$4.00 and \$3.50 values, \$2.35
\$5.00 and \$4.50 values, \$3.00

Boys' Suits

Suits, sizes 15 to 20 years, blacks, blue serges, and mixtures; former prices \$7 and \$8. Rebuilding price, \$4.80
Suits, sizes 14 to 20 years; former prices \$7.50 and \$6.50. Rebuilding price, \$3.40

Children's Suits

Children's Knee Pants Suits, all colors, sizes 3 to 17 years; former prices \$5.98, \$5.48, and \$4.98. Rebuilding price, \$2.49
Suits, sizes 4 to 16 years; former prices \$4.48 and \$3.98. Rebuilding price, \$1.98

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Widow of Beacon Keeper Marooned With His Corpse

Signals in Vain From Lighthouse During Three Days—Reason Almost Wrecked With Grief and Terror.

MOBILE, Ala., July 11.—After spending three days on a desert island with the body of her husband, Mrs. Daniel McCall was rescued after her reason had been almost wrecked by grief and terror.

Captain McCall was the light-keeper on Cat Island and dropped dead near the door of the lighthouse. His wife, 60 years old, was unable to move the body.

Though a number of ships and yachts passed every day within sight she signaled them in vain. Early yesterday morning, carrying a long pole to which she had nailed a white flag, she waded out into the sound and stood shoulder deep in the water waving the flag until a catboat from Pass Christian saw the signal and went to her rescue.

The lighthouse keeper was buried at the spot where he fell and the woman was taken to Pass Christian.

GOVERNMENT ATTORNEY WAS ALSO TRUST LAWYER

William B. Childers Must Explain Why He Continues to Act After Reprimand.

Attorney General Moody has undertaken a vigorous investigation of the charges made against William B. Childers, United States District Attorney for the Territory of New Mexico, that he acted as attorney for the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company in a suit against that corporation in the courts of New Mexico for violating the Sherman anti-trust law.

Childers was appointed in the closing days of the second Cleveland Administration, and retained in office by President McKinley and President Roosevelt.

After having been proved to have appeared as counsel for the corporation charged with violating the anti-trust laws, he was retained in office by Attorney General Knox, who let him off with a mild reprimand which stated that Childers had been guilty of an "impropriety" which it would not be wise to repeat.

Upon receipt of this letter District Attorney Childers ostensibly dropped out of the case. He no longer appeared in open court as the paid attorney of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company. But according to the latest charges filed against him, he continued in the employ of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company and was active in the preparation of legal papers filed in New Mexico in defense of the trust.

These charges are now in the hands of Attorney General Moody, who has written Childers a long letter demanding a full explanation. The Colorado Fuel and Iron Company is the concern of which Paul Morton, Secretary of the Navy, was president.

World's Fair Rates, Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. Fifteen day tickets, \$23; sixty day tickets, \$28; season tickets, \$32.60; Good going and returning direct route, or going direct, returning via Chicago or vice versa. Ten days' stop-over, within limit, at Cincinnati and Chicago. If desired, without charge. Three solid vestibuled trains daily, leave Washington 10:05 a. m., 4:05 p. m., and 12:45 night.

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Want anything?

Now is the time to buy.

Every department has cut-price bargains.

And what bargains!

Not duplicated anywhere now—or here at other times.

You can no doubt find just what you want at a deeply cut price.

All Summer Merchandise is affected. To illustrate:

Forty Different Patterns
12½c New Lawns
in This Sale at

9½c a Yd.

At this cut price only because the makers brought them out too late

—Found all merchants fully stocked for summer.

We took an immense quantity and got bright, new, fresh goods, never shown before to sell so much below worth.

Lawns all have white grounds, with cords in serpentine effects.

And printed with all-over dainty designs.

The colorings include light blue, black, pink, and red.

They are as good as any lawns we have shown at 12½c, and we've had some good ones.

BIG FALL IN PIANOS

Over One Hundred to Be Sold in Twelve Days.

The Large Stock of J. D. Young, of 523 Eleventh Street, N. W., Purchased by T. P. Culley, to Be Thrown on the Market At Less than One-half The Usual Price.

The Most Reliable Makes of Pianos in America to Be Sacrificed at This Sale.

Not a Single Piano Excepted—Every One Must Go.

Easy Terms of Payment May Be Arranged.

SALE BEGINS TODAY

Having purchased the large stock of pianos and organs of J. D. Young for cash, and in order to make room for our new stock, we will offer these elegant pianos, including some of the best makes, such as Kimball, Hallet & Davis, Krell, Hinze, Whitney, &c. To be closed out within the next twelve days at half their value. Large size upright pianos in oak and mahogany cases, worth \$300 to \$500, will close out at \$175 to \$185. Splendid square pianos of standard makes—good for practice work—from \$15 to \$25. All goods marked in plain figures, from which there will be no deviation.

This special sale continues for twelve days, and positively no longer. Remember, the sale begins this morning and continues twelve days. T. P. CULLEY, 523 11th St. N.W., J. D. Young's old stand.

SEEDED RAISINS

7½c Package

Ginger Snaps 4c lb.
Fig Bars 10c lb.
5 Sacks Fine Table Salt 10c
Pure Lard 10c lb.
Fancy Elgin Butter 23c lb.
3 lbs. Good Cheese 25c
8 lbs. Best Gloss Starch 25c
3 pkgs. Corn Starch 10c
5 pkgs. Macaroni 25c
Potatoes, 25c pk.; 85c bushel.

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